



Pre-Tournament Notes – AdventHealth Championship

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Dates: May 19-22, 2022

Where: Kansas City, Missouri

Course: Blue Hills Country Club (Par 72 / 7,364 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Dunning (1963)

Field: 156 Players

Purse / Winner's Share: \$750,000 / \$135,000 winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The AdventHealth Championship marks the 13th tournament of the Korn Ferry Tour's 26-event season
- This will be the 12th playing of the AdventHealth Championship, with Blue Hills Country Club hosting for the third consecutive time
- Blue Hills Country Club is known for hosting Tom Watson's charity event for 25 years, with legends such as Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino teeing it up throughout its history
- Five former champions of the AdventHealth Championship are returning to Kansas City this week: **Michael Gellerman** (2019), **Zecheng Dou** (2017), **Zack Sucher** (2014) and **Jamie Lovemark** (2013) and **Shawn Stefani** (2012)
 - As of Tuesday (May 17) afternoon, Sucher was the first-to-last player in the field on his priority ranking number, while Lovemark will tee it up via a sponsor exemption
- Reigning champion Cameron Young won the 2021 event in wire-to-wire fashion, marking the first Korn Ferry Tour player to achieve the feat since 2018
- Young, who had Special Temporary Membership at the time of his victory, earned full membership with the win, went on to win the following week at the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, and eventually finished No. 19 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List and earned his first PGA TOUR card for the 2021-22 season
 - Young enters this week's PGA Championship ranked No. 38 in the Official World Golf Ranking and No. 14 in the FedExCup Standings with three runner-up finishes and a T3
- Five players who finished inside the top 10 of last year's event earned PGA TOUR cards at season's end, with Young, Nick Hardy (solo fourth), Greyson Sigg (solo fifth), and Davis Riley (T6) graduating via the regular season, and Dawie van der Walt graduating via the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- Carl Yuan and **Seonghyeon Kim** are the only players to achieve #TOURBound status this season, having crossed the 900-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish among The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season's end (see The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards section for more details)
- **Erik Barnes**, currently No. 6 on the Regular Season Points List, is the only player with made cuts in all 12 events this season

Local Ties

- Sponsor exemption **Andy Spencer**, a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica member for 2022, is a Kansas City, Missouri native, a Prairie Village, Kansas resident, and played collegiately at University of Kansas; he made his first five career Korn Ferry Tour starts last season, including a start at the 2021 AdventHealth Championship, but missed the cut each time
- Sponsor exemption **Charlie Hillier**, a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica member for 2022, is an Overland Park, Kansas resident and played collegiately at University of Kansas for four seasons (2015-19); the New Zealand native's only previous Korn Ferry Tour start came at the 2021 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, where he missed the cut as a Monday qualifier
- In addition to Hillier and Spencer, two players in the field have ties to the state of Kansas and Missouri: **Michael Gellerman**, who plays from Sterling, Kansas, and **Sam Stevens**, a Wichita, Kansas resident
- Open qualifier **Drew Shepherd** played collegiately at University of Kansas and will make his first start in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event

Field Notes (as of 5/17/22)

- Field is headlined by 19 of the top-25 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, with the top player in the field being No. 2 **Seonghyeon Kim**
- Kim is also the only player in the field ranked inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking, standing No. 145 in this week's ranking
- Field includes 49 past Korn Ferry Tour winners, including eight of this season's 12 champions, with 67 total victories, led by **Daniel Chopra** and **Brett Wetterich** with three wins apiece
- Field includes past 12 PGA TOUR winners with 20 total victories, led by **Sean O'Hair** with four
- **Christopher Petefish**, a conditional member via a T91 finish at Final Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, earned a spot in this week's field with a top-25 at last week's Visit Knoxville Open, which he gained entry to via the Monday qualifier
- Eight players gained entry via Monday's open qualifier at The Golf Club at Creekmoor, led by co-medalists **Kaiwen Liu** and **Isaiah Logue**, and rounded out by **Drew Shepherd**, who survived an 11-for-1 playoff for the final spot
 - Liu is a 22-year-old PGA TOUR Canada and will make his first career PGA TOUR-sanctioned start, while Logue Monday qualified into a pair of Korn Ferry Tour events in 2019 and will make his third career start
 - **Angus Flanagan** will make his Korn Ferry Tour debut after a successful Monday qualifier; he finished No. 11 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Class of 2021 out of University of Minnesota
 - **Zahkai Brown** (previously Veritex Bank Championship) and **David Gazzolo** (previously LECOM Suncoast Classic) both successfully Monday qualified for the second time this season
 - **Sam Triplett**, son of three-time PGA TOUR winner Kirk Triplett, has conditional membership this season and will make his second career Korn Ferry Tour start (debuted in 2019)
 - **Corbin Mills**, a member on both PGA TOUR Canada and Latinoamérica, successfully Monday qualified for the first time this season after he Monday'd into two events and top-25'd into another last season

The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	#TOURBound Result
1	Carl Yuan	1255	1	5	#TOURBound
2	Seonghyeon Kim	905	--	4	#TOURBound
3	Byeong Hun An	890	1	2	Solo 47th, 3-way T46 or higher
4	Brandon Matthews	835	1	2	Solo 12th, 3-way T11 or higher
5	Trevor Werbylo	833	1	3	2-way T11, 4-way T10 or higher
6	Erik Barnes	790	--	6	Solo 5th or higher

7	Ben Griffin	728	--	4	Solo 3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
8	MJ Daffue	721	--	4	Solo 3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
9	Anders Albertson	704	1	2	3-way T2 or higher
10	Zecheng Dou	701	--	3	3-way T2 or higher
11	Tyson Alexander	658	1	2	2-way T2, Solo 2nd or win
12	Ben Taylor	656	--	3	2-way T2, Solo 2nd or win
13	T.J. Vogel	656	1	2	2-way T2, Solo 2nd or win
14	Carson Young	648	1	1	Solo 2nd or win
15	Brent Grant	607	1	2	Solo 2nd or win
	Nos. 16-26				Win

- With 11 events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using 900 points as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish inside the top 25 of the Regular Season Points List and become #TOURBound (see above for the latest points list)
- Following the conclusion of the 23-event regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14), 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 25 players on the [Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List](#), making those players “The 25”
- Another 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)
- Leading points earners of The 25 and Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points Lists receive fully exempt status for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season and an exemption into the 2023 THE PLAYERS Championship, while The 25’s leading points earner (regular season and Finals combined) receives the added bonus of an exemption into the 2023 U.S. Open Championship

2021 AdventHealth Championship Recap (May 20-23, 2021)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Cameron Young	64	69	68	68	269 (-19)
2	Dawie van der Walt	70	67	66	68	271 (-17)
3	Zach Wright	70	71	67	64	272 (-16)
4	Nick Hardy	68	72	65	68	273 (-15)
5	Greyson Sigg	67	75	65	67	274 (-14)

- Cameron Young closed out a wire-to-wire win and in the process became the first player to win a Korn Ferry Tour event in such fashion since Kramer Hickok at the 2018 DAP Championship
- Young played the par-5s at 13-under par for the week and led the field in driving distance
- Dawie van der Walt recorded his highest finish since winning the 2015 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
- Zach Wright posted a career-high finish, topping a T10 from the previous week’s Visit Knoxville Open
- Nick Hardy recorded his seventh top-10 of the 2020-21 season and began a streak of three consecutive top-five finishes; he eventually ended the season with 10 top-10s across 41 starts and finished No. 20 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List for his first PGA TOUR card
- Greyson Sigg followed a victory at the Visit Knoxville Open with another top-five finish; he eventually finished No. 6 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List (and No. 2 on the combined list), earning his first PGA TOUR card

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Cameron Young	64	69	68	68	269 (-19)	2
2019	Michael Gellerman	71	67	70	69	277 (-11)	1
2018	Sepp Straka	64	65	64	69	262 (-22)	1
2017	Zecheng Dou	65	67	61	66	259 (-25)	3

2016	Wesley Bryan	65	67	65	67	264 (-20)	Playoff
2015	Martin Piller	65	62	66	65	258 (-26)	4
2014	Zack Sucher	66	63	64	72	265 (-19)	3
2013	Jamie Lovemark	67	68	65	66	266 (-18)	1
2012	Shawn Stefani	68	68	67	64	267 (-17)	2
2011	James Nitties	65	63	65	65	258 (-26)	5
2009	Michael Sim	65	67	65	67	264 (-20)	2

Course Information – Blue Hills Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2019-Present
- Scoring Average (2021): 71.286 / -0.714
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 4, Par 4, 446 yards – 4.297 / +0.297
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 1, Par 5, 523 yards – 4.245 / -0.755
- Course Record: 64, Cameron Young (2021, Round 1), Will Cannon (2021, Round 4), Zach Wright (2021, Round 4)

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Scott Dunlap (2011, Round 2), Tom Hoge (2014, Round 3)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 127, Martin Piller (2015) and Shane Bertsch (2015)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 192, Kyle Jones (2018)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 258, James Nitties (2011) and Martin Piller (2015)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, James Nitties (2011)
- Playoffs: 1 (2016, Wesley Bryan defeated Grayson Murray and J.T. Poston)

Last Week on Tour – Visit Knoxville Open (May 12-15)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Anders Albertson	62	67	65	66	260 (-20)
2	Carl Yuan	68	65	62	66	261 (-19)
3	MJ Daffue	64	65	68	65	262 (-18)
T4	Sean O’Hair	65	67	65	67	264 (-16)
	Taylor Montgomery	65	68	63	68	264 (-16)

- Anders Albertson recorded his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory and first since the 2018 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
- Albertson was just the second 2022 season winner who previously won on the Korn Ferry Tour, with the other being Tyson Alexander at last month’s Veritex Bank Championship
- Albertson totaled a 20-under 260 for the week, the lowest total score in a Korn Ferry Tour event this season, though the lowest score relative to par this season remains Tyson Alexander’s 22-under 262 at the Veritex Bank Championship
- Albertson, 28, was the eighth Korn Ferry Tour winner under the age of 30 this season
- With his fifth runner-up finish since August 2020 (and second of the 2022 season), Carl Yuan strengthened his hold on the No. 1 spot on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, reaching 1,255 points for the season and increasing his lead over No. 2-ranked Seonghyeon Kim to 350 points; he has stood atop the points list at the conclusion of the last seven events, a run which began following his victory at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS back on March 20
- **MJ Daffue** posted his fourth top-10 and third top-five finish of the season; he entered 2022 without a single top-10 in 10 career Korn Ferry Tour starts
- Daffue moved to No. 8 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List and is one of five players inside the current top 10 without a victory this season
- **Taylor Montgomery** recorded his third top-10 of the season and his sixth top-15 in his last eight starts

- In his 45th career Korn Ferry Tour start, four-time PGA TOUR winner **Sean O'Hair** matched his third-highest finish in a Korn Ferry Tour event and his highest finish in an official PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since a T4 at the 2020 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay

Alumni Spotlight

- K.H. Lee, who graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour following the 2018 season, earned his second career PGA TOUR victory as he successfully defended his title at last week's AT&T Byron Nelson
- Lee finished No. 5 in the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour regular season standings and secured his first PGA TOUR card
- Lee spent four seasons on the Japan Golf Tour from 2012-15, after which he earned Korn Ferry Tour membership and finished solo eighth at Final Stage of the 2015 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
- Lee played the 2016 and 2017 seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour, finishing 78th in the 2016 regular season (after which he finished T14 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament) and 47th in 2017